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<i>Monday 8 June 2020</i>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<i>Tuesday 9 June 2020</i>	Return to School – Grades 3 to 6 Staggered start: Prep to Grade 2 – 9:00AM to 9:15AM Grades 3 to 6 – 8:45AM to 9:00AM Staggered pick up: Prep to Grade 2 – 3:15PM to 3:30PM Grades 3 to 6 – 3:30PM
<i>Friday 19 June 2020</i>	School Reports to go home
<i>Monday 22 June 2020</i>	Parent – Teacher Interviews By Phone if required – At mutually convenient times
<i>Tuesday 23 June 2020</i>	Parent – Teacher Interviews By Phone if required – At mutually convenient times
<i>Wednesday 24 June 2020</i>	Parent – Teacher Interviews By Phone if required – At mutually convenient times
<i>Thursday 25 June 2020</i>	Parent – Teacher Interviews By Phone if required, – At mutually convenient times
<i>Friday 26 June 2020</i>	Last Day of Term Two – Early Finish – 1:30PM
<i>Monday 13 July 2020</i>	Term 3 commences
<i>Tuesday 04 August 2020</i>	MPS School Photo Day

Principal's Report

The day we've all been waiting for is almost here! Next Tuesday 9th June we welcome back our Grade 3-6 students. We've greatly enjoyed classes for Grades Prep – 2 returning to normal over the last fortnight, and once our senior students return, it will be business as usual for staff and students. We are following DET safety guidelines that restrict visitors from being onsite and as soon as these are lifted we'll let families know. We can't wait to celebrate surviving the pandemic with our community all together at some stage in the future.

The junior school students have settled in extremely well over the last fortnight and I'd like to thank parents and carers for preparing them so well for their return to school. The students are all well versed in correct hygiene practices and have quickly adapted to new class routines with hand sanitisers, etc. I'd also like to thank the parents of Grade 3 - 6 students who have continued to support their children during Remote Learning for the last two weeks.

The teachers and ES staff did an excellent job planning engaging activities to welcome P - 2 students back and help them transition successfully. The balloons and streamers at the gates helped to convey our excitement at their return. The Grade 3 - 6 teachers are currently planning for an equally successful return for their classes.

I'm sure you'll agree our School Captains, Emma and James, and Vice Captains, Amber, Emily, Cash and Xander showed creative leadership during remote learning. Their videos and weekly Assembly slideshows helped students stay connected to their peers and enabled us to continue to celebrate student achievement with Pupil Of The Week. We are very appreciative of their efforts and we look forward to them sharing their leadership skills in person.

Yesterday's COMPASS post contained details for the staggered drop-off and pick-up times for all students, and important information for families about restrictions for adult visitors to schools. This post has been reprinted in this newsletter and I urge families to check these new arrangements so we have a smooth start to the week.

While we're returning to our normal programs we are also busy planning for Semester Two. This week our teaching teams met for a Planning Day to develop their teaching and learning programs for Term Three and Margaret and I met to plan our calendar of events for the remainder of the year. This involved a touch of 'crystal ball gazing' as we know restrictions and guidelines are evolving continually, however preparations and planning need to continue for school operations.

Parents and Friends are also planning a range of activities to help us feel like life is returning to normal and I thank Kim and parent helpers for their continued support of our students and school.



Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews.

As stated in the last newsletter the Department of Education and Training has adjusted the expectations of Student Reports for Semester One in recognition of the transition to remote and flexible learning during Term Two. While our school has continued to deliver its teaching and learning program, and monitor the achievement and progress of each student, there have been some unprecedented changes to our usual program. Written reports for each student will be provided, however they will be in a modified format in line with DET guidelines.

Reports will be sent home on Friday 19th June. If parents and carers would like a Parent/Teacher interview, this will be held in the last week of term via a telephone call at a mutually convenient time.

Angela Morritt

Principal

2021 Prep Enrolments

I have conducted several school tours for families of children starting school in 2021. In line with DET guidelines, the tours are conducted at 4pm when our students have left for the day. If any families know anyone who is coming to Greensborough Primary next year, please encourage them to phone the office and arrange a tour or enrol as soon as possible, (this includes siblings of current students). The sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures.

Cooperation **A**chievement **R**espect **E**mpathy

Arrangements for the Return of Grade 3 - 6 Students

The times for Prep - 2 and Grades 3 - 6 drop – offs and pick-ups will be staggered:

- New drop –off and pick-up times are in place for the remainder of the term:
 - ★ **Grades 3 - 6 will arrive between 8.45am – 9.00am**
 - ★ **Grades Prep - 2 will arrive between 9.00am – 9.15am**
 - ★ Siblings of Grades 3 - 6 children may be dropped off between 8.45am - 9am also. If any parents of Grade Prep - 2 children need to drop students at 8.45am due to work commitments, please ring the office.
- To assist with social distancing between adults at the gates, we will continue to have three entry points to the school:
 - ★ Main gate in Horunda Street
 - ★ Bottom gate in Lorimer Street
 - ★ Top gate on corner of The Circuit and Grimshaw St (near Heritage building)

It's essential that parents do not sit in cars as we have to move students into and out of the carparks quickly for the two waves of arrivals and departures.

- Parents will 'Kiss and Drop' and not enter school grounds. We will continue to have a staff member at each gate, to greet students and direct them to their classrooms.
- **Pick-up times will also be staggered:**
 - ★ **Grades Preps - 2 will leave between 3.15pm and 3.30pm**
 - ★ **Grade 3 - 6 will depart at 3.30pm. Younger siblings of Grade 3 – 6 students will also wait to 3.30 pm to leave**
 - ★ Parents are to advise children in the morning drop-off which gate they choose for collection point.

Hygiene Practices:

- To support the health and wellbeing of students and staff, regular hand hygiene will continue to be undertaken, with sanitisers and soap dispensers in every classroom.
- Students will be allowed to use playground equipment and use sanitiser at beginning and end of recess breaks.
- DET has implemented additional cleaning protocols and play equipment will be wiped down after each break and high touch areas in the school are cleaned throughout the day.
- Children are to have their own water bottles for use and not use drinking fountains.
- **Children and staff who are feeling unwell MUST stay home.**
- Restrictions on access to school site are in place and only staff and maintenance workers will be allowed on site. Parents are not to enter school grounds or classrooms. Parents are to contact the school by phone or email and make payments online. If parents need to go to the Office for any reason, they are required to ring the school before entering the grounds.

These guidelines are from DET and are not part of our normal school culture. However these are not usual times and the safety of our students, staff and community members is our priority. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Home Learning Packs:

- Students in **Grades 3 - 6 will bring their current Home Learning Packs to school when they resume on Tuesday 9th June 2020**

We ask families to discuss these new arrangements with your children in Grade 3 - 6, so they are prepared when they arrive at school.

Pupil of the Week



Term Two ~ Week 5

Prep	<i>Lola</i>	For consistently demonstrating enthusiasm for all her home learning tasks.
Grade 1/2A	<i>Kaushik</i>	For completing all his work to an excellent standard.
Grade 1/2 B	<i>Reese</i>	For finding a great example of a procedural text and posting it on Seesaw.
Grade 3/4 A	<i>Caden</i>	For his video explaining the challenges and successes he had when making his 'Cereal Box Marble Run'.
Grade 3/4 B	<i>Jesse</i>	For the commitment and enthusiasm shown during tasks on Seesaw! Well done Jesse!
Grade 5/6 A	<i>Roxana</i>	For her outstanding effort during remote learning, and for diligently uploading all her work to Seesaw.
Grade 5/6 B	<i>Abbey</i>	For her outstanding writing titled 'Are Lockdown Laws Fair?'
Chinese	<i>Lila C 34A</i>	For her excellent work efforts in completing most set Mandarin tasks for week 5 and 6.
Library	<i>Macy A 34A</i>	For completing your prediction and illustration for the story, Brobot to an excellent standard. Well done, Macy.
Art	<i>Sienna W 56B</i>	For an outstanding result with her artwork in the style of Romero Britto. The ideas, complexity of patterns and use of colour was excellent.
PE	<i>William B 56B</i>	For demonstrating excellent control, power and accuracy with the soccer ball. I absolutely loved the video of you and your dog playing soccer together too! Amazing!
STEM	<i>Sienna N 34A</i>	For creating an outstanding research and poster on Foxes



School Accounts, Uniform Orders & Payments

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing rules all payments of accounts must be made online. Uniform orders can be made over the phone as well. To process payments you will require the school's bank account details or you can make a payment by credit card over the phone. Please contact Mehgan by phone for account details, or to make a payment remotely on **(03) 9435 1496**

Return of medication



At the end of Term One we sent home Ventolin, spacers, epipens and various other medications held in sickbay to treat your children. I would just like to remind all parents and carers that with the return to school could you please return your child's school medication.

Thank you.



Student Absence Protocols – COMPASS

If your child is unwell they must not attend school. Please call the school to inform us of the absence. We would also be appreciative if you could enter your child's absence on COMPASS by using the link on your mobile device.



PE



With the quick close of Term One a lot of Inter School Sports (ISS) tops were not returned to the school. We are currently missing tops from our ISS cricket team and basketball team. We would be very appreciative if you could please check your cupboards and return the clean tops before the end of Term Two.



Thank you,

Daniela Darling

PE Coordinator

Uniform Support for Victorian – Prep Students only

With the icy winter fast approaching Prep students who are eligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) can receive uniform support. From Term Two, eligible **2020 Preps** can apply for a State Schools' Relief Voucher to put towards the purchase of a winter jumper, a pair of winter pants and a pair of shoes. Your choice of items can include one windcheater or bomber jacket or polo shirt as a winter jumper, and one pair of tracksuit pants or grey trousers as a pair of winter pants. Your voucher should cover most of the purchase price of these items but there may be a slight amount owing to cover the gap.

Call the office on **(03) 9435 1496**



Oz Child School Counselling Services



Families new to the school may not be aware, that at Greensborough Primary our students are able to access counselling provided by the OzChild organization. This is a great service to families as it means there is very little disruption to the students' day as there is no travel time and parents don't need to take time off work. In order to receive counselling families need to obtain a Mental Health Care Plan and a referral letter from your GP and return them to school and we will forward them to OzChild.

We have been very fortunate to have had excellent health professionals provided to us and our current counsellor is no exception. If any families would like further information about this service please contact Margaret or myself at any time.

Parents & Friends

I hope all the children from Prep-Grade 2 started back at school well. It has definitely been an interesting time for all! And it won't be long until the older students are back as well!

Due to Covid-19 we were unable to run our annual Easter Raffle and Mother's Day Stall. We had some wonderful Easter donations and had already sourced all stall items prior to school closing, so we thought we would run them now (albeit a bit late!).

This year, along with money left over from last year, P&F are contributing towards a new set of iPads for our Grade Prep-2. We purchased the current ones in 2014 so they are definitely due for an upgrade! We are also looking at purchasing a projector and screen for the hall.

Easter Raffle in June!

A huge thank you to those donated items way back in March!

We will be selling tickets for 50c each and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term, Friday 26th of June. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week for people to purchase.



Mother's Day Stall (in June!)

We will be holding Mother's Day stall on Friday 19th of June. We have a wide range of items ranging from \$1 to \$7.

A notice will come home closer to the date with more details.

Pie Drive with Tony's Pies

The delicious Tony's Pies will be on offer for our annual Pie Drive this year. Order forms will be handed out on **Tuesday 9th of June** and are due back by **Tuesday 16th of June**.



The pies will be ready to collect (given to eldest child in family) on **Wednesday 24th of June**, ready in time for the holidays!

Payment for these can be cash, EFTPOS (please ring school) or via electronic transfer – all details will be on the order forms.

Entertainment books – now for sale up at the office

Get your new Entertainment Membership today to support Greensborough Primary School and receive this year's exclusive Entertainment offers. Entertainment Memberships can start anytime and are packed with thousands of substantial savings on dining, travel and fun family activities. The Membership App is easy to download to start using instantly.

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Thankyou,

Kim Hill

On behalf of P&F

Diamond Valley Community Support Financial Assistance

Diamond Valley Community support (DVCS) is an independent not-for-profit organisation that provides direct aid, assistance, support and information for people who live in the Banyule City Council area and have an address showing on their Centrelink card in one of the following suburbs: Briar Hill, Bundoora (part of), Eltham North (part of), Greensborough (part of), Lower Plenty, Montmorency, St Helena and Watsonia.



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support

DVCS services currently include a Back to School Program that provides eligible families a cheque for **\$100 per child** (up to \$500 per family). The cheque will be made out to the school, and is to be used for educational purposes, i.e. Subject Contributions, camps, excursions, and so on. DVCS is located at Shop 378a Level 3, Greensborough Plaza. Ph: 03 9435 8282 / 03 9435 5440.

Family Information Details

Thank you to all the families who returned the forms with student information details that were sent home in Term One. Unfortunately, not everyone has returned their forms. We would be very grateful if you could check around at home and return your form. It is important that all families check these details and return them to us with any changes to contact numbers and also medical information to ensure student safety and speedy communication with parents.

Families are also asked to check information re employment details as these may have changed recently due to Victoria's State of Emergency and the Lock-Down Restrictions. Student funding from the Government is driven by the levels of schooling of students and their family and community characteristics, e.g. types of employment, so it is important we enter the correct data to receive the correct funding entitlement for our students.

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.



Due to the Covid-19 Shut-Down some families who were ineligible to apply for the CSEF may have had a change to their financial circumstances and may now qualify for a Health Care Card.

Families holding an eligible Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or a temporary foster parent can submit a CSEF form to the office when school returns. Deadline for 2020 applications is Thursday 25 June 2020.

A CSEF application form can be found on the school's website on: <https://greensborough.vic.edu.au/forms/>. Please note due dates have been extended beyond the period of the Shut-Down.

When filling in your form you can list more than one student if they are attending the same school. You will need to present a copy of your valid Health Care Card with your completed form.

Submitting your CSEF form can be done in person by posting your complete form or you can email the form and copy of your card to greensborough.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au now. Call Mehgan if you have any questions.

Payments amounts for 2020 are \$125 per year for each eligible primary school student